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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

LS 6537

BILL NUMBER: SB 354

NOTE PREPARED: Dec 30, 2007

BILL AMENDED:

SUBJECT: Parole Eligibility.

FIRST AUTHOR: Sen. Broden

FIRST SPONSOR:

BILL STATUS: As Introduced

FUNDS AFFECTED: X GENERAL
DEDICATED
FEDERAL

IMPACT: State

Summary of Legislation: This bill provides that a person sentenced under Indiana's pre-1977 sentencing law to more than one life sentence is eligible for consideration for parole after the person has served 25 years of the sentence.

Effective Date: July 1, 2008.

Explanation of State Expenditures: On October 22, 2007, 27 offenders were in Department of Correction facilities who were sentenced for more than one felony for more than one term of life imprisonment for a crime committed prior to 1977. Depending on the number of offenders who might be eligible for parole and released, the state could save approximately \$12,775 per offender based on the \$35 per diem that the Department of Correction pays county sheriffs to house offenders.

The average age of these offenders is 59 years, and their average length of stay is 32 years.

Explanation of State Revenues:

Explanation of Local Expenditures:

Explanation of Local Revenues:

State Agencies Affected: Department of Correction.

Local Agencies Affected:

Information Sources: Department of Correction Offender Information System.

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